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WIFE OF MARINE PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO MURDER HUSBAND WHILE HE WAS STATIONED IN KUWAIT

PHOENIX - The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 21, 2004, Wendy Glass, DOB 11/25/69, of Yuma, Ariz., pled guilty to Conspiracy to Murder in federal district court in Phoenix.

Wendy Glass had been charged by indictment with violating Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1117, 1111, 1114 and 2; 18 United States Code Section 7(3); and 18 United States Code, Section 924 (c). Pursuant to her signed plea agreement, Wendy Glass admitted that on or around November 2001, she began a relationship with another Marine, her neighbor, Larry Framness and continued the relationship through approximately May 2003. Glass also admitted that she and Framness conspired to murder Glass' husband, Houston Glass, on two separate occasions, as early as October 2002. Between January or February 2003, Houston Glass and Framness were deployed from their home duty station of Marine Naval Air Station in Yuma, Ariz. to support "Operation Iraqi Freedom" at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait.

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While in Kuwait, Framness acquired a hand grenade that was not inventoried or assigned to him and hid the grenade in his personal belongings until May 13, 2003, when he used it against Houston Glass in an attempt to kill him. Framness had directed Wendy Glass to call her husband at a specific time early in the morning on May 13, 2003 to wake up Framness and Houston Glass. After both were awakened by the telephone call, Framness contacted Houston Glass and told him he needed his help, leading Houston to a guard shack. Framness then left the guard shack, found a safe place to hide himself and intentionally threw the unauthorized grenade into the guard shack, while Houston Glass was still inside.

The grenade went off, causing an explosion within the guard shack and injuring Houston Glass. The injuries to Houston Glass caused him to be hospitalized and undergo surgeries to remove shrapnel from his body. At least one surgery was done to determine if the shrapnel had caused a laceration to Houston Glass' jugular vein. Houston Glass also suffered shrapnel injuries to various parts of his body, including his neck, legs and back.

The plea agreement states that due to the defendant's cooperation against her co-defendant Larry Framness in military court, the government will recommend that the court sentence the defendant to the high end of offense level 28, 97 months. Framness pled guilty in military court and received a sentence of life imprisonment with no possibility of parole until 25 years.

A conviction in U.S. federal court for Conspiracy to Murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sentencing for Wendy Glass is set before Judge Stephen McNamee on September 13, 2004 at 11:15am.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

The prosecution is being handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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